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PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. We move immediately to LB 868. Before we do that Senator Stull asked me to announce that Mr. John Paris of Crawford, a member of the Dawes County Board is with us and under the North Balcony. Thank you Commissioner for being here. Proceed Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Read LB 868.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: (no response)

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: I do not know where Senator Bereuter is, but he should be here to handle this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bereuter, there he is.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, is this on my amendment to LB 868?

PRESIDENT: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: They are found on page 756 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, what I am proposing to do here is to change a cash fund to a state fund that relates to the Department of Revenue and the money for this cash fund to go into the General Fund is money coming in for the administration of the municipal sales tax. Presently that rate is set at 3%. I did have a bill in before the Revenue Committee to change that 3% to 1% and to change the State Cash fund to a General Fund. That bill was killed in committee. I have visited with various members of the Revenue Committee, not all of them, and the concern which reflected itself in the killing of the bill had to do with the cutting of 3% to 1% during this time we are short of revenue. It is my understanding that they had no objection to changing it from a cash fund to a General Fund. Therefore, this portion of the bill has had a general hearing. There were no specific objections to this change, although of course Mr. Peters did indicate like most administrators he would prefer to have cash fund, all administrators do, instead of general fund. Therefore, I would propose since this provision did not run into difficulty with the Revenue Committee, that my amendment be adopted to LB 868 since it is germane.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I believe that Senator Bereuter did speak truthfully as far as our committee was concerned. The bill that carried this part of this amendment, I don't believe it was the objection of the committee. The committee objected to the collection from three to one percent. It was that portion I think was real critical as far as the committee decision was concerned. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.